

# **Baraboo Economic Development Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **March 7, 2018**

#### **I. Call to Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Chair Jim Bowers called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM at the Baraboo High School, 1201 Draper St, Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

#### **II. Roll Call**

Present: Bowers, Alt, Ayar, Palm, Platt-Gibson, Reppen, Taylor, Wastlund, White

Absent: Alt, Umhoefer, Bingle, Caflisch

Other: Patrick Cannon

#### **III. Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Taylor (1); Ayar (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

#### **IV. Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes for February 14, 2019 with the addition of MSA Professional Services for a future presentation

Wastlund (1); Johnson (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

#### **V. Public Comment**

##### **a. Presentation regarding the April 2, 2019 School Referendum**

##### **b. Tour of High School Facilities and Renovations**

Superintendent Dr. Lori Mueller, School Board member Mike Kohlman and High School Principal Glenn Bildsten presented the need for the currently proposed referendum. They indicated how this current request is a major part of their overall capital improvements for all school facilities. With the completion of the High School renovations the other facilities still need renovations.

The tour of the High School included the new areas and how the older areas have been upgraded. Overall the facility's renovation will ensure a better learning environment.

#### **VI. Old Business**

##### **a. Updates on Development Activities**

Ed Geick provided a written update on Development Activities. A copy of the report is attached.

##### **b. Updates from Plan Commission and Council**

Mayor Palm spoke on the following items:

- The Lake Street project is scheduled for 2019. A Public Hearing is scheduled for March 11, 2019 and the City Council will address the issue on March 12, 2019.

##### **c. Update from economic development partners and collaborators**

- Mr. Reppen indicated that they have had some success in their recent employment activities. He also indicated that the County is in the process of reviewing a potential Nursing Home and the downtown parking issue.
- Mr. Taylor indicated that the loan delinquencies at the bank are down.
- Ms. Platt-Gibson gave an update on the hiring of a new Oncologist for St Clare. He both lives and works in Baraboo. The Hospital is also looking at expansions into the Dells area.

- Mr. White indicated that the SCDC has their annual meeting upcoming. They will be awarding several businesses for their efforts.
- Mr. Johnson that livestock sales are down due to the weather. This has caused an increase in pricing.
- Mr. Bowers updated the committee on the construction of the kayak launch in West Baraboo. He also updated the homeless shelter has been receiving mixed reviews with their residents.

**d. Consideration of development of a strategic plan for BEDC**

**i. Ad Hoc Committee on Eastside Corridor Study**

No updates

**ii. Ad Hoc Committee on Business Walk**

No updates

**VII. New Business**

None

**VII. Update Partner Presentation Schedule**

St Clare President Laura Walczak will be presenting at the April meeting.

**VIII. Commissioner and City Staff comments**

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:34 pm.

Ayar (1); Reppen (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

Jim Bowers  
Chairperson

Patrick Cannon  
Recorder